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HAWKGIRL

**ON HER OWN...
IN METROPOLIS...
SOARING TO
NEW HEIGHTS!**

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**FORGING THE FUTURE
ONE HERO AT A TIME**

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"I WASN'T A
TRAPEZE ARTIST
FOR THE CHEERS.

"OR THE APPLAUSE.

"I DID IT FOR
THE *GASPS*.

I'D BE HIGH IN THE
SKY. I'D LOSE MY
GRIP AND GO INTO
FREE FALL WITH
THE GROUND
COMING UP *FAST*.

"AND IN THAT MOMENT
THE RUBES WOULD
REALLY THINK I MIGHT
NOT MAKE IT.

"THAT THEY WOULD BE
WITNESS TO THE
HORROR OF MY DEATH..."

CIRQUE DU MACABRE



PRESENTING
THE DARE D

DEADMAN



A dark, atmospheric illustration of rows of empty theater seats, receding into the distance. The lighting is low, with some highlights on the seats in the foreground.

...THE
CROWD
WENT
WILD!

A close-up of a bald man with a pale, almost white face, wearing a bright red suit jacket over a dark shirt. He has a somber expression, looking slightly down and to the side.

THE
MOMENT I DIED
WAS MY **GREATEST**
PERFORMANCE.

AND NOW
I'M STUCK. I CAN
NEVER MOVE ON.
EVERY DAY. EVERY
PERFORMANCE
IS THE SAME...
FOREVER...

...I'M
THE AUDIENCE,
FORCED TO
WATCH EVERYONE
ELSE LIVE THEIR
LIVES...

A close-up of the same man, now with a more neutral, slightly smiling expression. The background is a mix of dark and light blue-green washes.

BUT
HEY! NOTHING
TO GET **TOO** SAD
ABOUT, RIGHT?
I NOW HAVE THE
GREATEST ROLE
EVER.

I GET TO BE
A **SUPERHERO!** AND
WHAT'S THE WORST
THING THAT CAN
HAPPEN TO SOMEONE
WHO'S ALREADY
DEAD, HUH?

A close-up of the man, now with a wide, confident smile. He is gesturing with his right arm, palm up. The background is a solid, vibrant red.

YOU KNOW, AFTER
I DIED...THE CIRCUS
CONTINUED...THEY TOOK
MY BODY OFF THE DIRT
AND ROLLED OUT THE
CLOWN SHOW.

BECAUSE
YOU KNOW
WHAT THEY
SAY...

"...THE SHOW
MUST GO ON."

LOOK AT YOU.
TAKING OVER
BATMAN'S BODY.
SO CUTE.

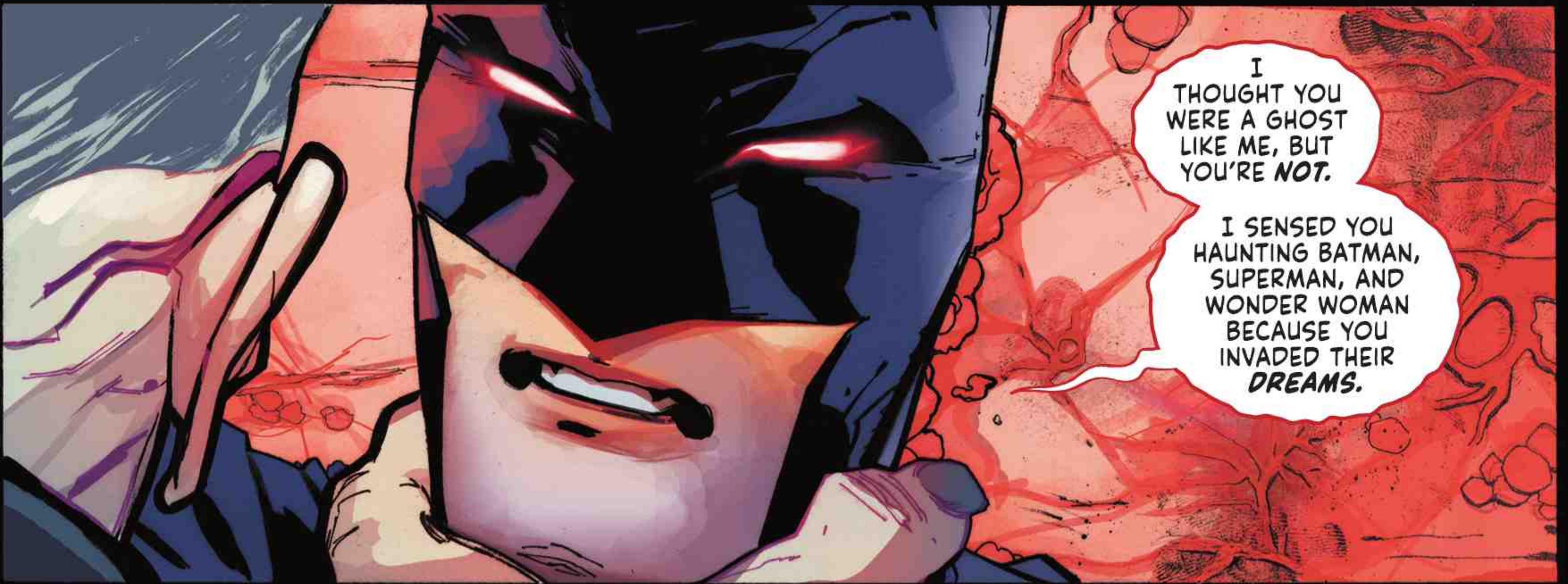
SO WHAT'S IT
GOING TO BE,
DEADMAN?

YOU
JOIN ME AND
I'LL GIVE YOU
WHATEVER
YOU **DREAM**
OF...

WE'RE
ALREADY SO
ALIKE...WE **SPY**
ON THE LIVES OF
THE LIVING...

KNIGHT TERRORS:
DEAD ON ARRIVAL

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I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE A GHOST
LIKE ME, BUT
YOU'RE **NOT**.

I SENSED YOU
HAUNTING BATMAN,
SUPERMAN, AND
WONDER WOMAN
BECAUSE YOU
INVADED THEIR
DREAMS.

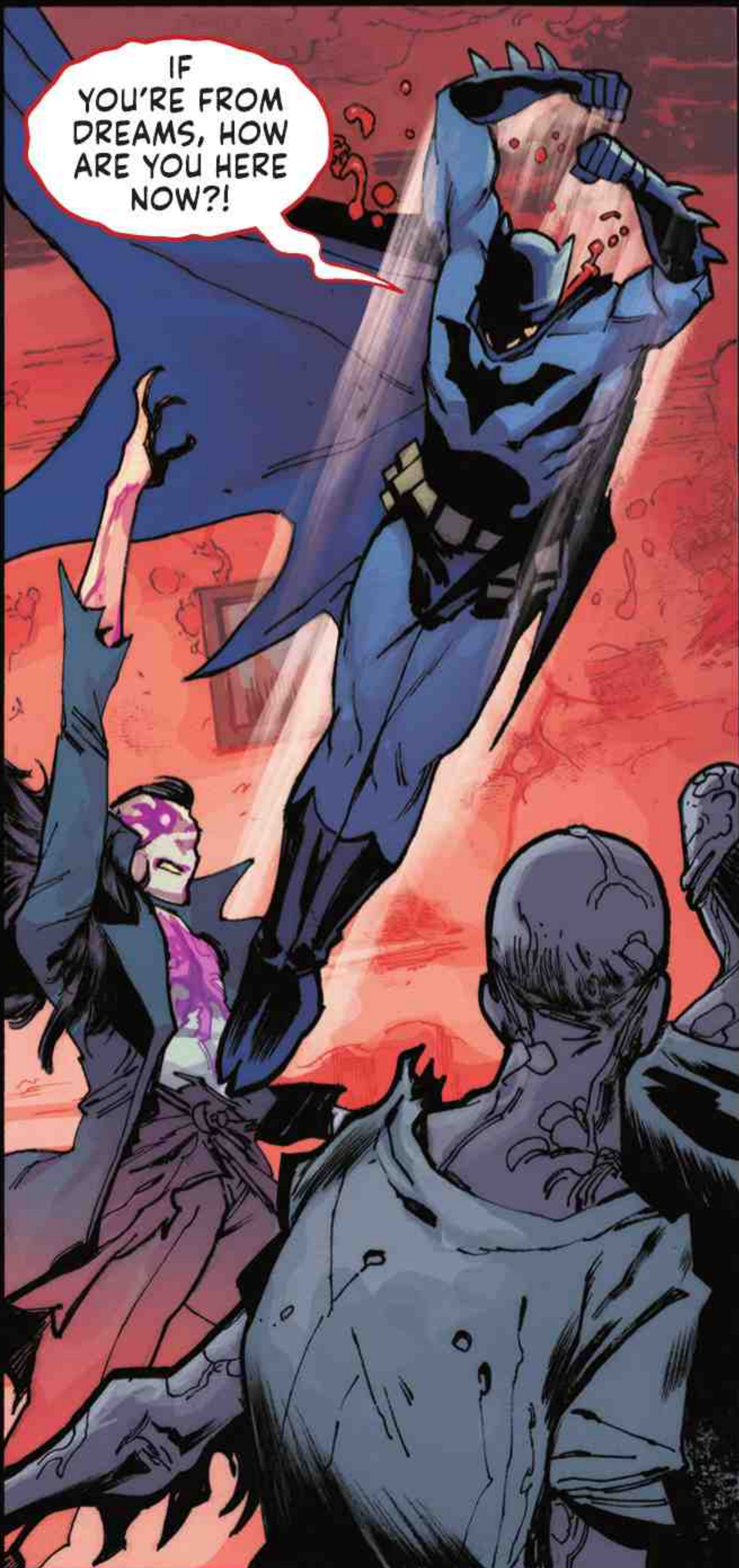


YOU
GOT ME
ALL FIGURED
OUT, HUH?
FINE.

JOHN DEE
WAS SO AFRAID
OF THE **NIGHTMARE**
STONE THAT HE
HID IT.

BUT DID HE
HIDE IT IN THE
WAKING WORLD
OR...

...WITHIN THE
NIGHTMARES
OF ONE OF
THIS WORLD'S
SO-CALLED
HEROES?



IF
YOU'RE FROM
DREAMS, HOW
ARE YOU HERE
NOW?!



WHAT
ARE
YOU?!



OH,
CAN'T YOU
TELL...?



I AM
THE GOD OF
NIGHTMARES!

I CAN
BRING NOT ONLY
MY WORST
FEARS INTO
REALITY...



...BUT ALSO
YOURS.

DON'T
WORRY. IT
WILL BE GOOD
FUN.

THE
DOCTORS
OF ARKHAM
MEAN WELL.

THEY
ONLY WISH
TO *HELP*
US.

SO I WILL
HELP *THEM*
HELP ME.



AAHHHHHHH! AAHHHHHHH!



THE NIGHTMARE STONE.

CREATED LONG AGO...BY A SACRIFICE.

A TORMENTED HERO...AND A LONG-LOST CASE...

DR. DESTINY USED TO POSSESS THE DREAMSTONE. JOHN DEE STOLE IT AND MANIPULATED IT INTO SOMETHING BROKEN AND TWISTED IT.

BUT HE FEARED THE NIGHTMARE STONE...AND HID IT...

YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING NIGHTMARES FOR ANY CLUES AS TO WHERE IT WAS AND YOU STARTED...

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YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING NIGHTMARES FOR ANY CLUES AS TO WHERE IT WAS AND YOU STARTED...

...HERE.
AT ARKHAM
TOWER.

THIS ISN'T NOW.
THIS IS THE PAST.
A MEMORY AT THE
FOREFRONT OF
YOUR MIND...

THE LAZARUS
RAIN...?

LAZARUS
ISLAND
ERUPTED.

THE RAIN WAS
CURSED WITH
MAGIC...

IT CHANGED
PEOPLE...

DO NOT
WAKE



...INCLUDING YOU.

YOUR POWERS
DIDN'T COME FROM
NIGHTMARES.

THEY CAME
FROM THIS.

IT GAVE YOU THE
ABILITY TO SPY ON
PEOPLE'S MINDS
AS THEY SLEPT.

FIRST IT WAS JUST OTHER
INMATES AT ARKHAM...
LIKE DR. DESTINY...



THEN YOU
STARTED TO
SPY ON THE
HEROES...

...BUT IN YOUR
DREAMS THEY ARE
MONSTERS...WHY?



WAIT...
THERE'S
MORE...

...SOMETHING
YOU'RE HIDING.

A LIGHT...

A MEMORY
BURIED AWAY...

I FEEL...
JOY...?

STOP!
GET OUT!

THAT'S *RICH*.
YOU GET TO INVAD
THE MINDS OF OTHER
BUT YOURS ARE A BIG
NO-NO?

BUT THAT'S
THE CONFUSING
PART. I'VE BEEN
INSIDE A FEW HEADS
AND USUALLY THEY
HIDE THEIR WORST
MEMORIES, BUT
YOU...?

YOU HIDE
YOUR *HAPPY*
ONES?
WHY?

YOU DARE
INVAD
THE MIND OF A
GOD?

YOU'RE
NOT A
GOD.

YOU'RE
JUST SOME
DUDE.



SHUT UP.

JOHN DEE WOULDN'T TELL YOU WHERE THE NIGHTMARE STONE WAS...

...SO YOU **KILLED** HIM...



...BUT I HAVE AN IDEA WHO KNOWS HOW IT WAS **CREATED**.



BRING HIM TO ME.



SORRY, BATS...THIS IS GONNA HURT.



WE'RE TOO HIGH UP, BOSTON. YOU **MIGHT** MAKE IT, BUT BATMAN WILL GO **SPLAT** ON THE SIDEWALK!



HEH.



KRTSH

JUST LIKE
OLD TIMES!

SAY WHAT YOU
WANT ABOUT
BATMAN...

...BUT THE DUDE
WORKS OUT.

THIS IS EASILY THE
MOST FIT PERSON I'VE
EVER POSSESSED.

I NEVER REALLY
NOTICED BECAUSE HE
HATES IT WHENEVER
I TAKE HIS BODY...

...FOR A
RIDE...

BATMAN IS GOING TO BE SUPER
PISSED AND IT'S WRONG TO
STEAL HIS BODY, BUT I CAN'T
JUST LEAVE HIM BEHIND.

ONE OF INSOMNIA'S
CREATURES COULD
KILL HIM.

THIS IS
FOR THE
BEST.

WHEN I GOT A TASTE
OF INSOMNIA'S MIND IT
WAS FULL OF CLUES.

I JUST NEED TO UNLOCK THIS
MYSTERY BEFORE HE DOES...

TK



BOOM
VRRROOOM

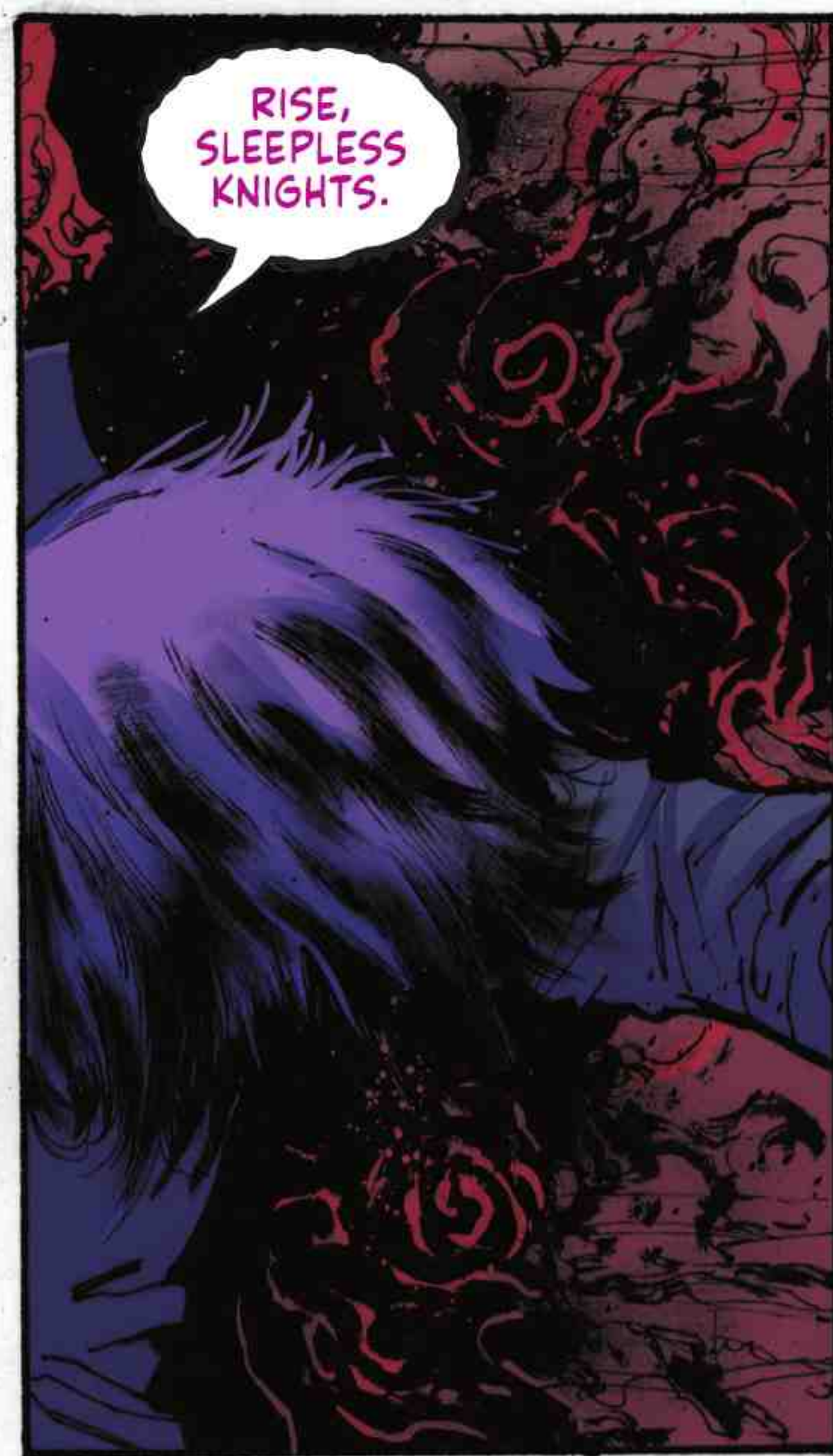
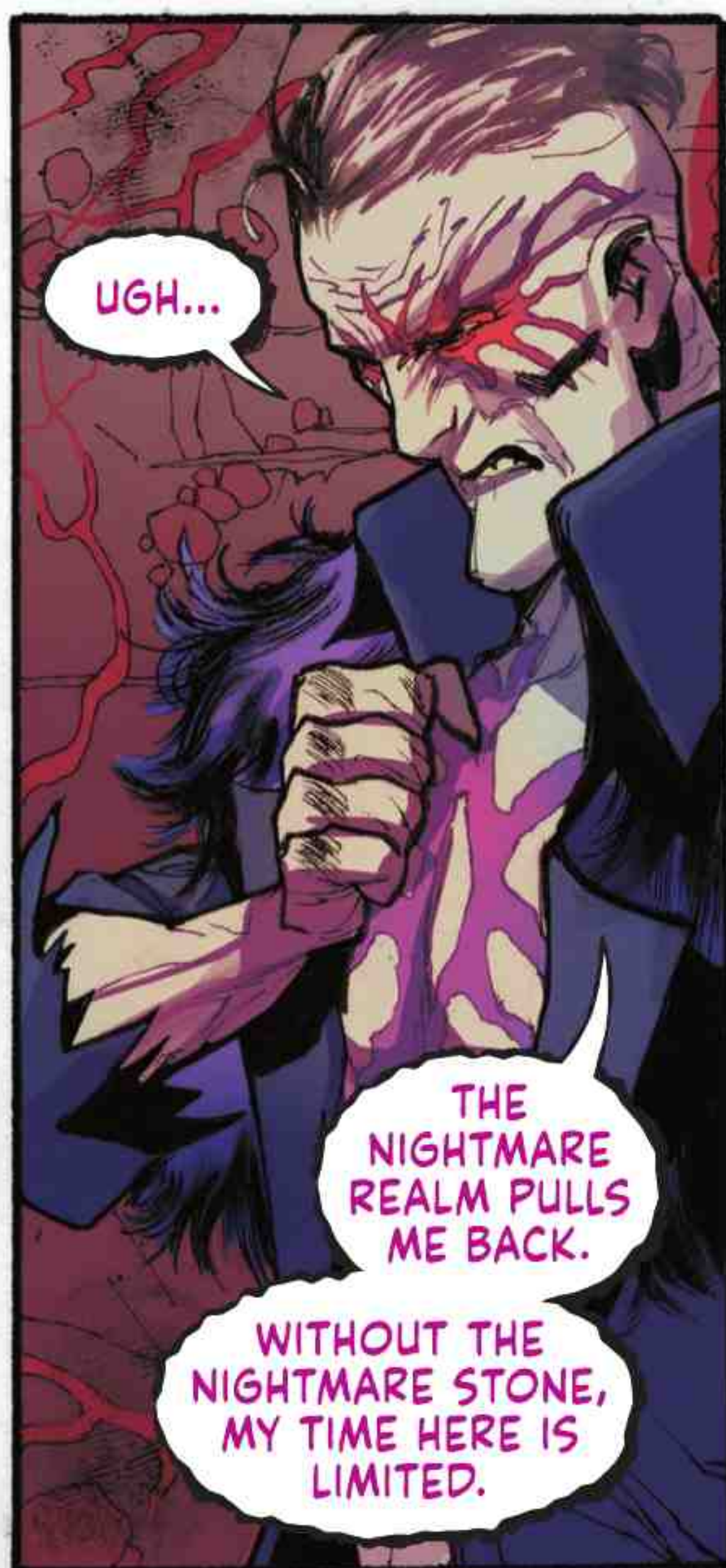
WHOA!

INSOMNIA ASKED
ME WHAT I
DREAM OF.
WHAT I WANT.



BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG
TIME SINCE I THOUGHT
ABOUT THAT...

AND RIGHT NOW ALL I KNOW
IS THAT I WANT TO FIND
SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE
WITH DREAMS...

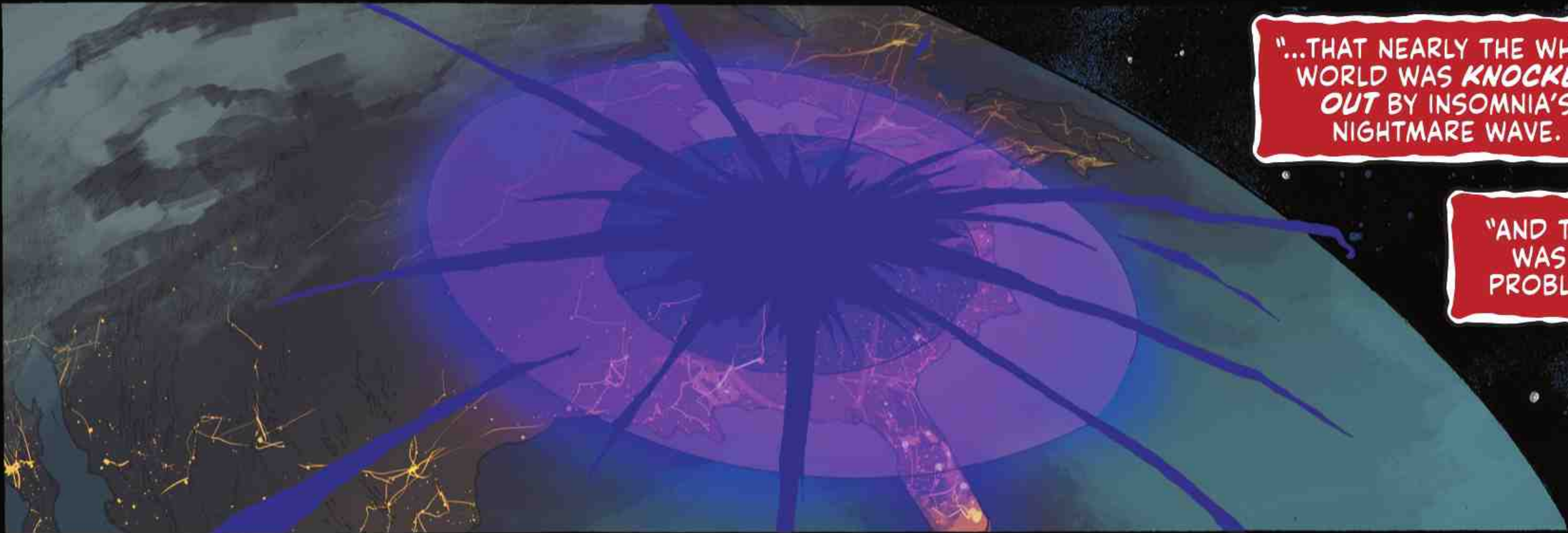


AWAKE?
WHAT IS
INSOMNIA
TALKING
ABOUT?



SEE,
IN ALL THE CHAOS
OF INSOMNIA TAKING
OVER ARKHAM
TOWER I THOUGHT
WHAT HAD HAPPENED
WAS LIMITED TO
JUST GOTHAM.

I HAD NO
IDEA...



"...THAT NEARLY THE WHOLE
WORLD WAS *KNOCKED
OUT* BY INSOMNIA'S
NIGHTMARE WAVE.

"AND THAT
WAS A
PROBLEM.



"A *BIG* PROBLEM.

"A TICKING
CLOCK OF
PROBLEMS..."



"BUT THANKFULLY
THERE WERE A FEW
HEROES AWAKE.

"THEY WERE TRYING
TO STOP INSOMNIA IN
THEIR OWN WAYS.



"THEY HAD
THEIR
MISSIONS..."

"...AND I
HAD *MINE*."

"I NEEDED TO TAKE
THIS FIGHT TO MY
OWN HOME TURF."

"IN HIS MIND
I SAW THAT INSOMNIA
WAS CREATED BY THE
LAZARUS RAIN."

"MOST OF IT
WAS WIPED
FROM THE
FACE OF THE
EARTH."

"BUT THANKFULLY
BATMAN KEPT A
SMALL SAMPLE..."

"THIS FEELS A
BIT MORBID..."

"...BUT I NEED
HELP...AND
ANSWERS..."



LIKE I SAID
BEFORE...THAT
EVERY TIME I
WENT UP ON
THE TRAPEZE,
I HAD TO
BELIEVE...

...THAT
I MIGHT
DIE...



THE
WORLD IS IN
DANGER. A LUNATIC
HAS TRAPPED THE
WORLD INSIDE THEIR
NIGHTMARES AS HE
SEARCHES FOR
SOMETHING CALLED
THE **NIGHTMARE
STONE**.

IT'S UP
TO THE TWO OF
US TO FIND OUT
THE **TRUTH** AND
STOP HIM.

I
PROMISE
YOU. ONCE
WE SOLVE
THIS **CASE**,
I'LL--

SAY NO
MORE...



I ALWAYS
LOVED A GOOD
MYSTERY.

TO BE CONTINUED IN...
**THE BRAVE AND
THE BIZARRE!**
ZOMBIE SANDMAN AND
BATMAN/DEADMAN TEAM-UP?



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**ENTER...THE
HARLEY QUINN ZONE!**

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**SELINA'S TERRIFYING
ROAD TO REDEMPTION!**



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**THE JOKER'S WORST
NIGHTMARE: A DAY JOB!**



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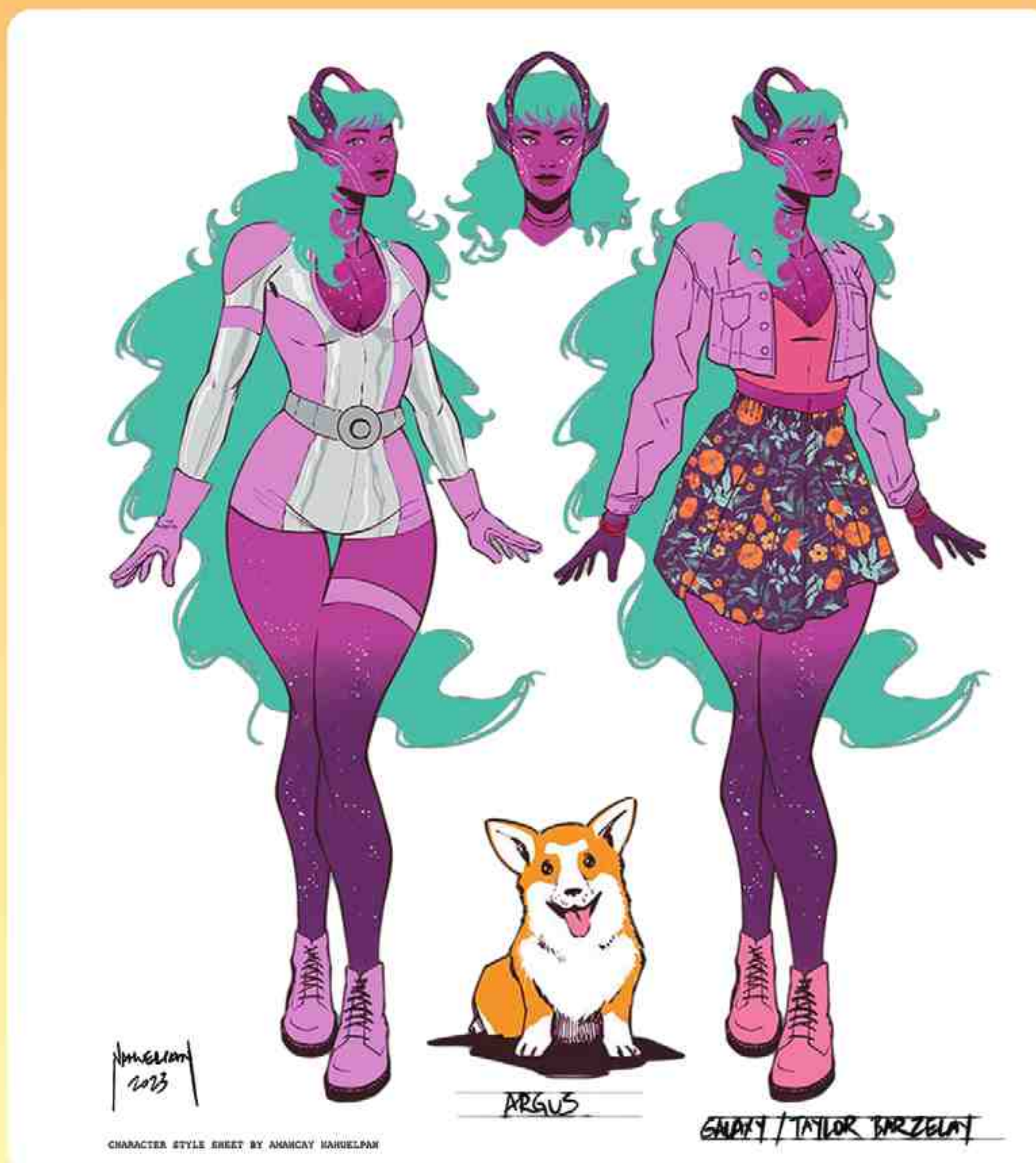
HAWKGIRL

It's been a very long time—more than 15 years!—since Kendra Saunders got the solo spotlight, but that drought ends this July with *Hawkgirl* #1, part of the yearlong Dawn of DC storytelling initiative. The six-issue series is written by Jazsia Axelrod and drawn by Amanca Nahuelpan, and sees Hawkgirl relocating to Metropolis for a fresh start—naturally, she's barely settled into her new surroundings when she's targeted by a mysterious new villain named Vulpecula.

Speaking of Vulpecula, we've opened up Nahuelpan's sketchbook to share his character design for this new antagonist, along with his take on Hawkgirl herself and Galaxy—the hero introduced by Axelrod and artist Jess Taylor in DC young adult graphic novel *Galaxy: The Prettiest Star*—who makes her mainline DC Universe debut in the pages of *Hawkgirl*!



**DON'T MISS
HAWKGIRL #1,
ON SALE IN JULY!**



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SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

